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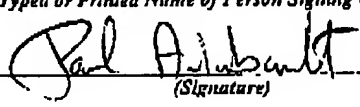
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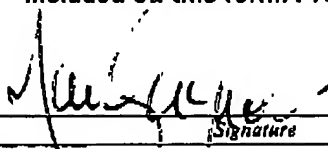
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF APRIL 13, 2006**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 13, 2006, please reexamine the present patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.